

## COLUMBUS IIBA CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

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### **President**

No candidate.

### **Vice President-Education**

**Brian Watson** (nominated by Lisa Montooth)

I would like to nominate Brian Watson for the position of Vice President of Education. His current work in developing a curriculum for training Business Analysts as an endorsed education provider through the IIBA makes him an excellent candidate for this position. His appreciation of the professional nature of the IIBA and his understanding of the value of the CBAP will help to grow the organization and obtain business acceptance.

Brian currently serves as the Director of Project Services for Quick Solutions, Inc. During his tenure, Brian was the key factor in establishing the Quick Solutions Project Management Office in 2004. At the time, Brian anticipated the need for well qualified, certified project managers on projects and initiated a training program at the company. The PMO initially provided Quick employees a means to train and obtain PMI certification. In the 4 years of starting the PMO, Quick Solutions now has 47 certified PMPs on staff and provides continuing education for those project managers as well as others seeking PDUs

Brian is currently initiating training and certification for Quick Solutions Business Analysts through the IIBA. Ten Quick Solutions Business Analysts are on track to take the CBAP by Feb 2009 with the training Brian has provided

Brian is an active member in the IIBA and received his CBAP certification in June 2008.

## **Vice President-Communications & Marketing**

### **Kevin Weber**

I have been a member of the Columbus IIBA Chapter from the beginning and have seen it grow into a more organized group and at the same time, draw a larger audience at each meeting. I think the current board has done an outstanding job getting the foundation set for our chapter's growth in the Business Analysis field.

I do see some opportunities for improvement. We are lacking two things, in my mind; those two things are member involvement and a sense of community. Each of us attends the quarterly meetings to get something out of it, and we always do learn something new. However, can you say you know more than twenty percent of the members that attend the meetings? Can you say you have helped grow this organization? I don't think many can say yes to either of those questions, and I will work to foster involvement and networking amongst our members.

I also seek to market our IIBA chapter, grow our membership, and expand our knowledge base. If our next group of officers can get you excited about being a member and to attend each of our meetings, we will all benefit from meeting new people and gaining different perspectives on different topics and issues.

I have been involved in the marketing aspect of our chapter thus far by working with Fairhaven Solutions and Joe Tanner (current VP of Communication & Marketing) to implement our new website and have also maintained our website to date. Additionally, I created the original template and edited our first newsletter. I have also implemented a google apps platform for the IIBA officers to communicate, collaborate, and ease the operations of our Chapter.

**Secretary**

No candidate.

**Treasurer**

**Chris Berner**

Currently hold this position on an acting basis. Over 20 years in finance and accounting. Would like the opportunity to establish and stabilize this function further before succession.